

Application Serial No.: 09/589,222
Examiner Cosimano
Group Art Unit: 3629

REMARKS

The present application was filed with informal drawings. In the first Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(5) because they did not include reference signs mentioned in the description and because they included reference signs not mentioned in the description. Applicant submitted a response with proposed drawing corrections to figure 4 and figures 5A and 5B to address the concerns raised by the Examiner. Applicant also submitted a substitute specification. The drawing corrections and substitute specification were accepted.

On December 13, 2004, a Notice of Allowance for the present application was mailed. Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant made arrangements to have formal drawings prepared. In order to meet the drawing requirements of 37 CFR 1.84, it was necessary to arrange figures 5A and 5B on additional drawing sheets. Original figures 5A and 5B are now figures 5A-5D. The additional drawing sheets that were prepared to meet the drawing requirements necessitate amendments to the specification to refer to the additional drawing sheets. The amendments to the specification merely embody the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner approve the proposed drawings and enter the amendments to the specification so that the present application may proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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